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## Allegheny County Parks Activities & Events for April 11-May 4

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Parks Department announces its activities and events schedule for April 11-May 4. Newly added activities and events are highlighted in yellow. All events are free unless otherwise noted. For additional information, visit the <u>County Parks website</u>.

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Saturday, April 12 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

**Hartwood Acres Mansion** 

Sunday, April 13 1:30-3:30 p.m. Round Hill Park Visitors Center

Free. Ages 2-9.

Celebrate spring with a good old-fashioned egg hunt!

Kids will also enjoy balloon twisters & spring crafts.

Please bring a bag or basket for eggs.



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## The Annual Allegheny County Marbles Program

Now Through May 31 at Locations Throughout Allegheny County



	FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014	
Fri., April 11	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Shaler Township  Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  St. Bonaventure Parish School	11:00 a.m1:00 p.m.
	SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014	
Sat., April 12	Big Blue Quest  Family, \$75 (limit five). Standard, \$25. Join cancer survivors, their families and friends for an enjoyable morning in beautiful North Park. The physicians and staff of the Allegheny Health Network, Allegheny Cancer Center, and Allegheny Center for Digestive Health are proud to host this wonderful event for a very worthy cause. Now in its 11th year, the Big Blue Quest has not only raised significant funds for colon and rectal cancer awareness and research, but it has also encouraged thousands of participants to seek screening for this preventable, treatable and beatable disease. Proceeds benefit colon rectal cancer awareness, education and research at the Allegheny Health Network.  Registration, 8:00-9:15 a.m. Announcements, 9:15-9:30 a.m. 5K Run, 9:30-10:30 a.m. 2K Fun Walk, 9:45-10:30 a.m. Awards Ceremony & Raffles, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Get more information & register online.  North Park Swimming Pool Parking Lot	8:00-11:00 a.m.
Sat., April 12	Forbes Road CTC 5K Run/Walk  1-Mile Fun Walk, \$15. Runner/Walker with timing chip, \$20. Walker 5K without timing chip, \$15. Current Forbes Road students, \$5. Help raise money for the Forbes Road CTC scholarship fund. The scholarship is available to	9:00 a.m.

	chosen graduating seniors. It will help pay for post- secondary schooling/training or may also help pay for tools that are needed for the students to continue in their trade. Get more information & register online.  Boyce Park Four Seasons Activity Center  North Area Environmental Council Seedling Sale Pick- Up Day	
Sat., April 12	Ordering deadline is March 22. Get more information online.  North Park Latodami Nature Center	9:00 a.m12:00 noon
	The Great Allegheny County Egg Hunt	
Sat., April 12	Free. Ages 2-9. Celebrate spring with a good old- fashioned egg hunt! Kids will also enjoy balloon twisters and spring crafts. Please bring a bag or basket for your eggs. For more information, call 412-767-9200.	10:00 a.m12:00 noon
	Hartwood Acres Mansion	
	L.L. Bean Spring Fitness & Endurance Outing – Week 5	
	Free. Minimum age of 10. Ages 10-14 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Ages 15-17 may participate alone with signed parental release form.	
	Come join L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School Instructor John Mrdjenovich for a seven-week program designed to get you outside and increase your fitness activity. Each week will have a different challenge with increased difficulty. The program starts on March 15 and ends on May 3 (no event on April 19).	
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	Participants are welcome to attend any or all outings. You do not have to participate in one to attend another. Participants are encouraged to come to all seven outings since each builds on the previous. The routes will primarily be on pavement. The routes and locations are subject to change depending on conditions. Good hiking shoes or strong athletic shoes with good support are recommended. Dress appropriately for the weather. The outings will occur rain, snow or shine. Get more information & register online.	
	North Park J.C. Stone Field	
Sat., April 12	Angora Gardens Annual Easter Egg Hunt  Free. Join us on the farm and enjoy a special presentation by Dynamic Martial Arts - Kinder Karate, an Easter basket raffle, pictures with the Easter Bunny, craft making, face painting, and of course, bunnies! Get more information online or call 412-675-8556.	12:30-2:30 p.m.
	White Oak Park Angora Gardens	

	Allegheny County Marbles Program – South Park	
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	South Park BMX Open House	
Sat., April 12	Free. Come out and learn about the sport of BMX racing at the best BMX track in the U.S. Rain-out date will be Sunday, April 13.  South Park BMX Track	1:00-4:00 p.m.
	BMX Race  \$0 respectively for Production in 5:00 6:20 n.m. Prop	Registration 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Sat., April 12	\$9 race entry fee. Registration is 5:00-6:30 p.m. Race begins as soon as possible after registration closes. Rainout date will be Sunday, April 13.	Race begins as soon as possible after
	South Park BMX Track	registration closes
	SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014	
	Orienteering at Boyce Park	
	Open to the public. \$6 donation for map. Families or groups may share one map. Free for new-comers! Instruction for novices is available on site.	
Sun., April 13	Orienteering is a competitive form of land navigation. It is for all ages, degrees of fitness, and skill levels. It is also all-weather. Orienteering provides the suspense and excitement of a treasure hunt. The object is to locate control points by using a map and compass to navigate through the woods. Bring a compass if you have one, or we can loan you one. Wear appropriate footwear to walk in the woods.	11:00 a.m2:30 p.m.
	The Boyce Park courses include two beginner and two advanced sprints. Sprints are short cross-country courses that involve finding a series of control flags in a prespecified sequence. Come early so you can do two courses. Sign-in is 11:00 a.m2:00 p.m. Sprints start until 2:30 p.m. You must finish the course by 3:30 p.m. Get more information online.	
	Boyce Park Patrol 1 Shelter	
	Allegheny County Marbles Program - South Park	
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	Round Hill Park Visitors Center	
	L.L. Bean North Park Moonlight Hike	
	Free. Minimum age is 8. Children ages 8-14 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Ages 15-17 may participate alone after a parent has signed the L.L. Bean participant agreement.	
Sun., April 13	Join L.L. Bean and explore the South Ridge trails of North Park by the Full Pink Moon. At just over 3075 acres, North Park is the largest and one of the most scenic of the nine Allegheny County parks. We'll explore 3-4 miles of the 40+ miles of multi-use single-track trails.	7:30 p.m.
	The Full "Pink" Moon came from the herb moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring. Although the Full Moon isn't expected until April 15, we have a better opportunity on April 13 to be under its light during our hike. Get more information & register online.	
	North Park Pie Traynor Field Parking Lot	
	MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014	
	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Frazer Township	
Mon., April 14	Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills	6:00-7:30 p.m.
	TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014	
	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Frazer Township	
Tue., April 15	Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship,	6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tue., April 15	May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills  South Park Table Tennis – Competitive Play  Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.	7:30 p.m.
	South Park Home Economics Building WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014	
Wed., April 16	One-Stroke Painting Class  Free. A decorative painting class that teaches how to shade and highlight at the same time. No experience or supplies needed. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.  White Oak Park Angora Gardens	5:00-7:00 p.m.
	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Frazer Township	
Wed., April 16	Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills	6:00-7:30 p.m.
	BMX Race	Registration 6:00-7:00
Wed., April 16	\$9 race entry fee. Registration is 6:00-7:00 p.m. Race begins as soon as possible after registration closes.  South Park BMX Track	p.m. Race begins as soon as possible after registration closes
	Friends of South Park Meeting	
Wed., April 16	Open to the public. The Friends of South Park is a citizens advocacy group focused on park improvement. Their mission is to preserve the rich heritage and resources of the park by identifying areas of the park that need improvements, then acquiring resources to accomplish them. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month.  South Park Buffalo Inn	Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.  General meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014	
Thu., April 17	Adult Nature Walk	10:00 a.m12:00 noon
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Thu., April 17	South Park Table Tennis – Informal Practice  Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.  South Park Home Economics Building	7:30 p.m.
	FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014	
Fri., April 18	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Frazer Township  Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills	6:00-7:30 p.m.
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Sat., April 19	Pittsburgh Wild Half Trail Race  5K: \$30 for regular registration until April 18; \$40 for race day paper registration. 10K: \$40 regular registration until April 18; \$50 for race day paper registration. 13.1 Mile: \$50 regular registration until April 18; \$60 for race day paper registration. Awards will be given to first place male and female winners in every race division. The Pittsburgh Wild Half will challenge you physically and mentally. You will leave with some of the best swag ever, enjoy some of the best post race refreshments, and most of all, have fun. Get more information & register online.  Boyce Park Pack Shelter	9:00 a.m.
Sat., April 19	Friends of Harrison Hills Meeting  Open to the public. Please call 724-224-4102 or email friendsofharrisonhills @comcast.net if planning to attend.  Harrison Hills Park Environmental Learning Center	10:00 a.m.
Sat., April 19	Venture Outdoors Easter Egg Geocaching  \$18 for non-members; \$12 for Venture Outdoors members; and \$8 for kids. We're going to follow the Easter Bunny's trail through the woods as we search for baskets of eggs using GPS receivers. As the GPS units communicate with satellites in space, they will guide us to within feet of the Easter Bunny's treasures. You and your fellow treasure hunters will fan out and try to find the hiding places. We will provide GPS units to share. A total of 2-3 miles is typically hiked during this event. Get more information & register online.  North Park Scout Cabin	1:30-3:30 p.m.
	EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014	
Sun., April 20	Venture Outdoors Allegheny County Park Quest – White Oak Park  \$15 for non-members; \$10 for Venture Outdoors members. Join Bruce Cridlebaugh on this through exploration of each of the nine Allegheny County Parks. These advanced-level hikes are intended to move at a brisk pace, covering a long distance (10-12 miles) over very hilly terrain. Hikers must be in good physical condition. This is not a casual walk in the park. The route connects the park's outermost trails for a day-long loop hike. In addition to some serious hiking, we will explore the history and special features of the park. Participants will receive a detailed hiking map of the park. Get more information & register online.  Sign up for the entire nine-hike series for \$75.  White Oak Park McClintock Playground	10:00 a.m4:00 p.m.
	MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014	
	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Lawrenceville	
Mon., April 21	Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners	3:00-5:00 p.m.

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Mon., April 21	BMX Practice Free & open to the public. South Park BMX Track	6:30 p.m.
	EARTH DAY – TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014	
Tue., April 22	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Lawrenceville  Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  Estelle S. Campbell Boys & Girls Club	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Tue., April 22	South Park Table Tennis – Competitive Play  Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park  Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.  South Park Home Economics Building	7:30 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014	
Wed., April 23	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Lawrenceville  Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  Estelle S. Campbell Boys & Girls Club	3:00-5:00 p.m.
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	South Park BMX Track	registration closes
	THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014	
Thu., April 24	Adult Nature Walk  Free. Originally started as a program for stroke & heart patients, this nature group has expanded to any interested adult. The informal group meets rain or shine every Thursday of the year. Local naturalists guide these enlightening, leisurely paced walks. New nature adventures & discoveries every week. Dress well for outdoor walking.  Meet at North Park Ice Rink Parking Lot	10:00 a.m12:00 noon
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Thu., April 24	South Park Theatre Presents "Bottoms Up!"  Admission is \$12 per person. Discount of \$2 per person for groups of 15 or more. Call 412-831-8552 for reservations.  "Suitcase, suitcase, who's got the suitcase?" Confusion abounds when June, an earnest aerobics instructor, unknowingly acquires the cash-filled suitcase of two money launderers from Cleveland. Wild chases, bizarre disguises, and the silliest looking aerobics dance ever make this a truly riotous farce. Written by Gregg Kreutz & directed by Jen James.  South Park Theatre	7:30 p.m.
Thu., April 24	Allegheny Foothills Historical Society Meeting  Open to the public. For more information, please visit the historical society website.  Boyce Park Administration Building	7:30 p.m.
Thu., April 24	South Park Table Tennis – Informal Practice  Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.  South Park Home Economics Building	7:30 p.m.
	FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014	
Fri., April 25	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Lawrenceville	3:00-5:00 p.m.

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	SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014	
Sat., April 26	Pittsburgh Superhero 5K/1K  \$20 for 5K runners & walkers; \$10 for 1K; \$75 for family 5K runners & walkers; \$35 for family 1K; \$20 for Green Lantern. By getting involved in this run, you will make a lasting and positive impact on the lives of many children who have fallen victim to the evils of abuse. Get more information & register online.  North Park Swimming Pool Parking Lot	8:00 a.m.
Sat., April 26	Great Spring Cleanup of South Park  Calling all volunteers! Join the Friends of South Park for their annual spring cleanup of the park. After the cleanup, world famous South Park hotdogs will be served at the South Park Township Administrative Office at 2675 Brownsville Road.  South Park Nature Center	8:30 a.m.
Sat., April 26	Jeremiah's Place 5K Run & Walk  \$25 before Friday, April 11; \$30 after Friday, April 11, and on race day. Participants 18 & under will be discounted \$5. Race will be followed by a variety of fun events for kids & families. All proceeds will benefit Jeremiah's Place, a crisis nursery located in the Kingsley Center in the East End area of Pittsburgh, which provides a safe haven for children & families. Get more information & register online.  North Park Boathouse	9:00 a.m.
Sat., April 26	Nature Program – Spring Wildflowers	10:00 a.m.

	Free & open to the public. Search for beautiful spring wildflowers along a narrow stream valley. For more information, call 412-835-0143.  Settlers Cabin Park Maintenance Facility Parking Lot	
Sat., April 26	Rain Garden Party  Free- & open to the public. Pre-registration required by calling 724-935-2170. Learn about Latodami's new rain garden, including its construction, function and value to our community. Also, find out how you can create one in your own yard.  North Park Latodami Nature Center	10:00 a.m12:00 noon
Sat., April 26	National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day  The Allegheny County Police Department will collect unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs and other medications. The service is free and anonymous. No questions will be asked. No liquid medications or needles will be accepted. All medications collected will be disposed of safely and properly.  The effort is part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's eighth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, which gives the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, disposing of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash pose potential safety and health hazards.  The Allegheny County Police have participated in each National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. For additional information, call the North Park County Police Station at 724-935-1901 or South Park County Police Station at 412-835-5650.  The public may locate additional collection sites by visiting www.dea.gov, clicking on the "Got Drugs?" icon, and entering zip code or county, city and state, or by calling 1-800-882-9539.  North Park County Police Station & South Park County Police Station	10:00 a.m2:00 p.m.
Sat., April 26	Harrison Hills Earth Day Park Cleanup  Free & open to the public. The Friends of Harrison Hills Park are looking for nature-inspired, community-spirited individuals or groups to help maintain the park, Environmental Learning Center, and Outdoor Classroom. Please volunteer for 2-hour work session: 10:00 a.m 12:00 noon; 1:00-3:00 p.m.; or stay the entire time! Lunch will be served to all, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.  We have lots of work that needs to be done inside and outside including: raking/blowing leaves; picking up fallen branches; weeding around the plantings; trimming ornamental grasses; spreading mulch; preparing soil for herb, vegetable and butterfly garden plantings; working on	10:00 a.m3:00 p.m.

	water feature running stream; leveling and sealing benches; staining outdoor structures; cleaning display cases in ELC; and much more. You could also help maintain the 14 miles of trails in the park, including removing litter and fallen branches; trimming branches that are blocking visibility of trail blazes; and marking the location of tree-falls on trail map.  Trash bags, gloves and some tools will be available. If possible, please bring tools, such as pruning saw, loppers, or pruners.  Sponsored by the Friends of Harrison Hills Park. Get more information online. Let us know if you are willing to help by emailing friendsofharrisonhills @comcast.net or calling 724-224-4102.  Harrison Hills Park Environmental Learning Center	
	L.L. Bean Spring Fitness & Endurance Outing – Week 6	
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Sat., April 26	Nature Program – Pollinators  \$5 per person for Allegheny County residents; \$6 per person for non-residents. Reservations required by calling 412-767-9200.	1:00 p.m.
-	Learn how to pick plants & designs to attract nature's helpers to your garden.	
	Hartwood Acres Mansion	
Sat., April 26	Nature Program – Apple Blossoms  Free- & open to the public. Pre-registration required by calling 724-935-2170. Celebrate spring and join us on a leisurely stroll through our Johnny Appleseed Orchard.	1:00-3:00 p.m.

	Learn about our older trees, new plantings, and the recent Boy Scout improvements in the apple orchard.	
	North Park Latodami Nature Center	
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	South Park Theatre	
	SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014	
	Keep the PACE Community LIFE 1st Annual 5K	
Sun., April 27	\$25 for timed running 5K; \$20 for non-timed running or walking 5K; \$15 for Family Fun Walk. The Keep the PACE Community LIFE 1st Annual 5K is a great event to use as a warm up to the Pittsburgh Marathon, to improve your personal time, or to experience your first 5K as a runner or walker. Families may also enjoy a 1-mile family fun walk, music, kid's activities and more. Get more information & register online.	8:00 a.m.
	Boyce Park Four Seasons Activity Center	
Sun., April 27	Finley's Fighters Race for Sight  Pre-registration is \$25 per person; day of race registration is \$30 per person; 1-mile race is \$5 person. We are offering four different distance runs the weekend before the Pittsburgh Marathon. Come practice and help raise money to cure the Finley's daughter, who has a rare genetic disease. Get more information & register online.  North Park Boathouse	9:00 a.m.
Sun., April 27	Harrison Hills Earth Day Park Cleanup  Free & open to the public. The Friends of Harrison Hills Park are looking for nature-inspired, community-spirited	10:00 a.m3:00 p.m.

	individuals or groups to help maintain the park, Environmental Learning Center, and Outdoor Classroom. Please volunteer for 2-hour work session: 10:00 a.m 12:00 noon; 1:00-3:00 p.m.; or stay the entire time! Lunch will be served to all, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.  We have lots of work that needs to be done inside and outside including: raking/blowing leaves; picking up fallen branches; weeding around the plantings; trimming ornamental grasses; spreading mulch; preparing soil for herb, vegetable and butterfly garden plantings; working on water feature running stream; leveling and sealing benches; staining outdoor structures; cleaning display cases in ELC; and much more. You could also help maintain the 14 miles of trails in the park, including removing litter and fallen branches; trimming branches that are blocking visibility of trail blazes; and marking the location of tree-falls on trail map.  Trash bags, gloves and some tools will be available. If possible, please bring tools, such as pruning saw, loppers, or pruners.  Sponsored by the Friends of Harrison Hills Park. Get more information online. Let us know if you are willing to help by emailing friendsofharrisonhills @comcast.net or calling 724-224-4102.  Harrison Hills Park Environmental Learning Center	
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MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014		
Mon., April 28	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Morningside	2:30-4:30 p.m.

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Mon., April 28	BMX Practice Free & open to the public. South Park BMX Track	6:30 p.m.
	TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014	
Tue., April 29	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Morningside  Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  St. Raphael Elementary School	2:30-4:30 p.m.
Tue., April 29	South Park Table Tennis – Competitive Play  Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.  South Park Home Economics Building	7:30 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014	
Wed., April 30	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Morningside  Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  St. Raphael Elementary School	2:30-4:30 p.m.
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	South Park BMX Track	
	THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014	
Thu., May 1	Adult Nature Walk  Free. Originally started as a program for stroke & heart patients, this nature group has expanded to any interested adult. The informal group meets rain or shine every Thursday of the year. Local naturalists guide these enlightening, leisurely paced walks. New nature adventures & discoveries every week. Dress well for outdoor walking.  Meet at North Park Ice Rink Parking Lot	10:00 a.m12:00 noon
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Fri., May 2	Amateur Astronomer Assoc. of Pittsburgh Star Party  Free & open to the public. Several times during the evening, an AAAP member will give a guided tour of the sky – an introduction to the constellations and brighter stars. Wagman Observatory's two large, permanent telescopes will be open and staffed. There are also displays inside the observatory.  Visitors are also welcome to use portable telescopes set up by AAAP members. Attendees may bring their own telescopes, and AAAP members will assist with set up and operation if needed. Many visitors bring binoculars or just use their eyes.  People with disabilities are encouraged to attend. Portable telescopes are easily positioned for viewing by anyone. A parking pad gives wheelchair vans easy access to the observatory.  There is no running water, so comfort facilities consist of a portable toilet. No food or drinks are served, so visitors are encouraged to bring their own snacks & non-alcoholic beverages. Lawn chairs are also recommended. Get more information online, or call the observatory at 724-224-2510.  Deer Lakes Park Wagman Observatory	Sunset
	SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014	
Sat., May 3	Nature Program – Bird Watching  Free & open to the public. Appropriate for youth & adults.  View colorful spring migrants while learning about bird behavior and songs. For more information, call 412-835-0143.  South Park Nature Center	8:30 a.m.

	Household Chemical Collection	
Sat., May 3	\$2 per gallon collection fee. Cash only. Safely dispose of common household chemicals, including: aerosol cans; automotive fluids; batteries; chemistry sets; compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs); gasoline; kerosene; household cleaners; mercury; paint products; pesticides; herbicides; photo chemicals; and pool chemicals. Get a complete list of acceptable items online.  North Park Swimming Pool Parking Lot	9:00 a.m1:00 p.m.
Sat., May 3	L.L. Bean Spring Fitness & Endurance Outing – Week 7  Free. Minimum age of 10. Ages 10-14 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Ages 15-17 may participate alone with signed parental release form.  Come join L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School Instructor John Mrdjenovich for a seven-week program designed to get you outside and increase your fitness activity. Each week will have a different challenge with increased difficulty. The program starts on March 15 and ends on May 3 (no event on April 19).  As part of the endurance program, weight will be added occasionally according to and individuals strength and ability. The program is designed at the beginner to intermediate levels. All fitness levels are welcome. It's great for those who want to increase endurance or maintain weight.  Participants are welcome to attend any or all outings. You do not have to participate in one to attend another. Participants are encouraged to come to all seven outings since each builds on the previous. The routes will primarily be on pavement. The routes and locations are subject to change depending on conditions. Good hiking shoes or strong athletic shoes with good support are recommended. Dress appropriately for the weather. The outings will occur rain, snow or shine. Get more information & register online.  North Park J.C. Stone Field	10:00 a.m.
Sat., May 3	Allegheny County Marbles Program – Boyce Park  Free to all kids ages 14 & under. Not sure how to play marbles? No worries – we'll show you! Playing marbles is fun and a great way to meet new friends. All local winners qualify for the Allegheny County Marbles Championship, May 29-31, at the Courthouse. Both the boys & girls county champions receive a trophy, crown & t-shirt. They also compete in the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, N.J. Allegheny County mibsters, or marbles players, have won the national championship 8 out of the last 10 years! Two of those years, we've had both the boys & girls national champs. Get more information online.  Boyce Park Picnic Hut	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Sat., May 3	Venture Outdoors Spring Wine Tasting Hike \$47 for non-members; \$35 for Venture Outdoors members. Minimum age is 21. Join in the spring landscape of North Park as we enjoy an easy 4-mile hike	2:00-5:30 p.m.

	while learning about the history of the area. After the hike, we'll go to the nearby Tuscan Inn to taste a variety of high-quality wines paired with unique gourmet appetizers. Get more information & register online.  North Park Pie Traynor Field	
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	SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014	
Sun., May 4	\$25 for adults; \$15 for ages 18 & under; free for ages 6 & under. Walk in honor of a survivor or in memory of a loved one who battled brain cancer. If you wish, add their name to the honor banner. Help raise awareness and funds for brain tumor research. Get additional information & register online or call 412-965-4956.  North Park Harmar Shelter	8:00 a.m.
Sun., May 4	<u>Venture Outdoors Allegheny County Park Quest –</u>	10:00 a.m4:00 p.m.

	Settlers Cabin Park	
	\$15 for non-members; \$10 for Venture Outdoors members. Join Bruce Cridlebaugh on this through exploration of each of the nine Allegheny County Parks. These advanced-level hikes are intended to move at a brisk pace, covering a long distance (10-12 miles) over very hilly terrain. Hikers must be in good physical condition. This is not a casual walk in the park. The route connects the park's outermost trails for a day-long loop hike. In addition to some serious hiking, we will explore the history and special features of the park. Participants will receive a detailed hiking map of the park. Get more information & register online.  Sign up for the entire nine-hike series for \$75.  Settlers Cabin Park Administration Building	
Sun., May 4	Venture Outdoors Summer Backpacking Intro  \$20 for non-members; \$15 for Venture Outdoors members. Join in for a short hike and a discussion of summer backpacking. This trip is designed to introduce the beginner to the basics of backpacking. Topics will include essential gear, packing your pack, water filtration and purification, cooking and safety. If you are planning on joining us for a backpacking trip this summer, this program is strongly recommended. Get more information & register online.  South Park Celeron Grove	11:00 a.m3:00 p.m.
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	Family Fishing Program  Free. Class is limited to 40 persons. Pre-registration is required online with the Fish & Boat Commission or by calling Mandy Smith at 814-443-9841, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m4:00 p.m. Reservation deadline is Friday, May 2, or until the class is full.  Looking for a great way to connect with your family? Discover just how much fun fishing can be when you do it together at a Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Family Fishing Program. You and your family will discover what it takes to be a "smart" angler and learn basic fishing skills like knot-tying, casting, hook-baiting, and fish removal. After practicing these skills, you will have the opportunity to fish – no license required! Equipment and bait will be provided by the Fish & Boat Commission.	1:00-5:00 p.m.

	The "catch?" Adults must bring a child, and children must bring an adult. You will be learning and fishing together!  Get more information online or call the Friends of Harrison Hills Park at 724-224-4102.  Harrison Hills Park Broken Branch Shelter	
Sun., May 4	Oliver Miller Homestead Visitor Appreciation Day  Free & open to the public. We thank all of our previous guests and welcome new guests by inviting them today – the only day when admission will be free. Members will share their histories as part of the Homestead and explain the activities they take park in at the Homestead. Come join us and learn about the people and events of the Homestead. Get more information online or call 412-835-1554.  South Park Oliver Miller Homestead	1:30-4:30 p.m.
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